# Ravirvirochanah Suryah

# Savitaa RaviLochana

## Sri Vishnu Sahasranama Bhashya:

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## Introduction: The Cosmic Light and Its Inner Controller

In this profound segment of the Sri Vishnu Sahasranama Stotra, the text introduces a sequence of five divine names that establish a direct, esoteric link between the physical Sun and the Supreme God Cherished as Para Brahman.

**रविर्विरोचनः सूर्यः सविता रविलोचनः ॥**

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Through these names, the Bhashya reveals the absolute truth of **Antaryami** (The Inner Controller). While the physical Sun (*Surya Mandala*) provides material light and life to our solar system, it is the spiritual potency, absolute splendor, and underlying reality of **Lord Sri Man-Narayana** that empowers the Sun to shine.

## Detailed Break Down of the Divine Namas ...

1. **RAVI (रवि):** *The Ultimate Luminary / The Divider.*

   He is the Sun Himself, the source of absolute time (*Kala*) who divides day from night. As the primal source of heat and energy, He sustains the rhythm of cosmic life.

2. **VIROCHANA (विरोचनः):** *The Supreme Illuminator / Self-Luminous Source.*

   Derived from the root *Rochana*, which means light. Lord Vishnu is *Virochana*—the intense lustre *within* the light. He does not merely reflect external light; He is *Swayam-Prakasha* (self-luminous), the one who glitters always and makes the physical Sun shine.

3. **SURYA (सूर्यः):** *The Primordial Driver / Stimulator.*

   Derived from *"Su"* (to impel, generate, or move). He is the

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supreme driving force behind all planetary and biological activities across the worlds.

4. **SAVITA (सविता):** *The Divine Progenitor / Creator.*

   He who brings forth, generates, and creates all the worlds. This name highlights the Lord's absolute authorship over creation.

5. **RAVILOCHANA (रविलोचनः):** *The Sun-Eyed Lord.*

   The Supreme Being who possesses the Sun as His divine eye, watching over the universe with all-pervading cosmic vision.

## Scriptural Correlations …

### 1. The Purusha Suktam (Rig Veda 10.90.13)

The attribute of *Ravilochana* is directly rooted in the ancient Vedic hymn, the Purusha Suktam, which describes the creation of the universe from the limbs of the Cosmic Purusha:

**चक्षोः सूर्यो अजायत । (Chakshoḥ Sūryo Ajāyata)**

*"From His divine eyes, the Sun (Surya) was born."*
This confirms that the physical Sun is merely an emanation of Lord Sri Man-Narayana's supreme sight.

### 2. The Bhagavad Gita (Vibhooti Yoga, Sloka 10.21)

In the *Vibhooti Yoga*, where Lord Sri Krishna reveals His divine opulences and cosmic manifestations, He explicitly identifies Himself with these very attributes:

**आदित्यानामहं विष्णुर्ज्योतिषां रविरंशुमान् ।**

**ādityānām ahaṁ viṣṇur jyotiṣāṁ ravir aṁśumān**

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*"Among the twelve Adityas (solar deities), I am Vishnu; among the luminaries, I am the radiant, multi-rayed Sun (Ravi)."*

### 3. The Gayatri Mantra Connection

Daily, millions chant the sacred Gayatri Mantra, bowing to **Savitru** (*Tat Savitur Varenyam*). The SVSN Bhashya clarifies that the object of this worship is not a physical ball of gas, but **Savitrunaamaka Narayana**—the most sacred among all elements of sanctity, who acts as the *Antharyaami* (inner in-dweller) of the Sun God. The spiritual effulgence (*Bhargo*) we pray to for illuminating our intellect (*Dhi*) is the spiritual potency of Lord Vishnu.

### The Dhyana Shloka: Meditating on Surya-Narayana

During daily spiritual practices like *Sandhyavandanam*, *Arghya Pradanam*, or *Gayatri Japa*, a practitioner must engage in *Anusandhana* (focused contemplation) using this universally accepted Dhyana Shloka:

**ध्येयः सदा सवितृमण्डलमध्यवर्ती नारायणः सरसिजासनसन्निविष्टः ।**

**केयूरवान् मकरकुण्डलवान् किरीटी हारी हिरण्मयवपुर्धृतशङ्खचक्रः ॥**

### Comprehensive Meaning:

One should always meditate upon Lord Narayana, who dwells as the *Antaryami* directly in the center of the solar orb (*Savitru-mandala-madhyavarti*). He is the Primordial Person giving *darshan* from the heart of the Sun's globe. He is beautifully seated upon a sacred lotus flower (*Sarasijasana*). His divine form is adorned with magnificent golden armlets and bracelets (*Keyuravan*), a brilliant crown (*Kiriti*), and exquisite shark-shaped earrings (*Makara-kundalavan*). His divine complexion is of a dazzling, brilliant golden hue (*Hiranmaya-*

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*vapu*), and He firmly holds the sacred conch (*Shankha*) and the divine cosmic discus (*Chakra*) in His hands.

**Philosophical Conclusion & Post Takeaway**

This profound line from the Sri Vishnu Sahasranama beautifully bridges the gap between visible material nature and invisible spiritual reality. The physical Sun serves as the external body, but Lord Sri Man-Narayana is the Soul (*Atma*) of the Sun.

As we recite "Ravir-virochanaḥ Sūryaḥ Savitā Ravi-lochanaḥ", let us offer our deepest salutations to that Supreme God of the Universe. He dissolves the outer darkness of the world through the physical sun, and effortlessly shatters the inner darkness of our spiritual ignorance (*Ajnana*). He is the ultimate bestower of pure knowledge, cosmic wisdom, and eternal liberation (*Moksha*), wiping away the greatest of sins through His self-luminous grace.

The Sun God (*Surya Devaru*), though highly elevated in the cosmic hierarchy, is entirely dependent on Lord Vishnu for his light, energy, and existence. The physical sun does not shine by its own independent power; it is empowered entirely by Savitrunaamaka Narayana.

Dvaita philosophy emphasizes *Taratamya* (the strict hierarchy of souls) and the *Bimba-Pratibimba Bhava* (where the Lord is the original substance, *Bimba*, and all other souls are reflections, *Pratibimba*):

- The Reflection: In this framework, the Sun God (*Surya*) acts as a highly pure *Pratibimba* (reflection) through which the ultimate *Bimba* (Lord Vishnu as *Virochana*) manifests His brilliant light.

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- The Contemplation: True worship involves acknowledging the localized deity (*Surya*) while mentally offering the ultimate adoration to the *Antaryami* Narayana residing within him.

*Virochana* as the "lustre in the light who makes the sun shine" perfectly portrays Vishnu as the *Svatantra* (Independent) force driving the *Paratantra* (Dependent) nature of the physical solar system. As the underlying *Antaryami* (Inner Ruler), Savitrunamaka-Narayana does not merely sit within the sun, but acts as the supreme, independent consciousness that grants the physical celestial body its capacity to illuminate.

The material sun, being bound by space, time, and cosmic laws, is entirely dependent (*Paratantra*) upon this all-pervading, independent (*Svatantra*) divine will for its existence, radiance, and life-giving power. Thus, the physical light we perceive is but a shadow of the primordial spiritual brilliance of Virochana Vishnu—proving that insentient matter moves and shines only when energized by the Supreme Being.

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नाहं कर्ता हरिः कर्ता - हरिः कर्ता हि केवलम्

हरी सर्वोत्तम - वायू जीवोत्तम

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